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SITREP NO. 4

E.O. 11652: XGDS  
TAGS: PINT  
SUBJECT: LUFTHANSA HIJACKING

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1. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED LIST OF SURNAMES OF PASSENGER  
LIST BUT NATIONALITY NOT INDICATED. WE STILL UNABLE CONFIRM  
WHETHER OR NOT ANY AMERICANS ABOARD. AIRCRAFT IS PARKED ON  
EAST SIDE OF RUNWAY AND IS SURROUNDED BY COMPANY OF TROOPS WITH  
HELICOPTER OPERATING OVERHEAD TO MAINTAIN CLOSE OBSERVATION.  
MILITARY OFFICER DRESSED AS WAITER WAS ABLE TO GET TO DOOR TO  
DELIVER SOFT DRINKS BUT UNABLE ENTER. IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT

THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE HIGHJACKERS.

2. CAPTAIN OF DUBAI POLICE HAS TOLD OIC THAT HIGHJACKERS HAVE MADE CLAIM THAT NINE PRISONERS IN GERMANY WERE SAME NINE THAT KIDNAPPERS OF WEST GERMAN EMPLOYEES AND INDUSTRIALIST ASSOCIATION LEADER HANS MARTIN SCHLEYER ARE ALSO DEMANDING TO HAVE RELEASED. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN UNABLE OBTAIN ANY FURTHER CONFIRMATORY INFORMATION ON THIS.

3. MEANWHILE OIC REPORTS THAT SHAIKH MUHAMMAD IS DIRECTING OPERATIONS SMOOTHLY, COOLY, AND ASKING INTELLIGENT QUESTIONS. MUHAMMAD IS DECISIVE BY NATURE AND IS PROBABLY ABOUT AS GOOD AN OFFICIAL AS ANY THAT UAE HAS TO MANAGE OPERATION. MUHAMMAD, HOWEVER, IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT TACTICS HE MIGHT FOLLOW. HE HAS ASKED FOR MY OPINION ON WHAT USG VIEW WOULD BE IF UAE DEFENSE FORCE WERE TO STORM AIRCRAFT. BELIEVE HE HAS MADE SAME APPROACH TO FRG AMBASSADOR AND POSSIBLY BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL (WHO ALSO ON SITE). MY RESPONSE HAS BEEN: THAT THIS IS DECISION THAT UAEG MUST TAKE ITSELF; THAT WE HAVE NO PRECISE POLICY OTHER THAN NOT GIVE IN TO HIGH-JACKER DEMANDS; THAT SINCE EACH SITUATION VARIES, QUESTION OF USE OF FORCE OFTEN DEPENDS ON TIMING; AND THAT GENERAL TACTIC HAS BEEN TO DELAY, DRAG NEGOTIATIONS OUT, AND TRY TO WEAR DOWN HIGH-JACKERS. POINTED OUT SINCE AIRCRAFT WAS HIGHJACKED NEARLY 24 HOURS AGO, HIGHJACKERS MAY STARY BEING WEARY AND DELAYING TACTIC MIGHT MAKE GOOD SENSE. I SAID HOWEVER THAT WOULD ASK DEPT IF IT HAD ANY FURTHER VIEW OR INSTRUCTIONS.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT REQUESTED SEND BY NIACT IMMEDIATE WHETHER OUR RESPONSE SHAIKH MUHAMMAD IS SATISFACTORY OF IF FURTHER POINTS SHOULD BE MADE.  
DICKMAN

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